

Meadowlawn Middle School Family Communication

School Opening- August 11, 2021

Wellness Protocols

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Fall 2021 Guiding Practices and Protocols
Updated: August 9, 2021

Pinellas County Schools is committed to providing high-quality instruction and enrichment opportunities for all students, while also maintaining wellness protocols for students and staff. Any updates will be communicated to all stakeholders.

The following, updated protocols incorporate the rules issued by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and the Florida Department of Health (FDH) on August 6, 2021.

- FDOE Emergency Rule 6AER21-01: Pupil Attendance Records for COVID-19
- FDOE Emergency Rule 6AER21-02: COVID-19 Hope Scholarship Transfer Procedures
- FDOH Emergency Rule 64DER21-12: Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings

Accelerating Learning through Student and Family Engagement

- All 2021-22 school year programming will be delivered via in-person instruction for all students.
- Simultaneous teaching, which served a valuable purpose in the 2020-21 school year, will not be required during the 2021-22 school year.
- Academic growth will be accelerated for every student through in-person instruction, high-quality teaching practices, programs and targeted enrichment and intervention opportunities matched to student needs.
- All students will be engaged in rigorous, collaborative and inclusive educational practices which include whole class, small group and individual instruction across all grade levels and content courses. This includes the sharing of materials in classrooms and physical education.
- The Florida Department of Education has indicated that funding will not continue in the 2021-22 school year for innovative, online programming such as MyPCS Online. Pinellas County Schools offers a robust full- and part-time Pinellas Virtual School (PVS). To learn more about PVS, including an updated model for elementary instruction, or to schedule a meeting to discuss the supports available, go to www.pcsb.org/virtual.
- In compliance with FDOE Emergency Rule 6AER21-01 an Instructional Continuity Plan has been developed to address partial and full classroom quarantines.

Technology

- Schools and teachers will leverage the PCS Connects Initiative, Level Up activities and digital platforms to extend learning both within classrooms and beyond the school day. One-to-one student devices will expand to include students in grades 3 to 10.
- The district, schools and teachers will continue the use of digital learning applications and platforms within classrooms including, but not limited to, the use of: Canvas, Nearpod, iXL, iStation, etc.

Extracurricular Activities

- Extracurricular, performing arts and athletic activities for the 2021-22 school year will resume to regular operations to support student engagement and will follow district and/or organization (e.g. Florida High School Athletic Association- FHSAA) guidelines, review, permission and wellness protocols.
- Activities and/or field trips will resume and follow the regular district review, permission and wellness protocols. Any field trip to a non-district location must follow the wellness practices of both the district and the field trip location.

Family Engagement and Campus Visitors/Volunteer

- In-person family engagement meetings will resume and, in some cases, virtual meetings may also occur.
- Opportunities for on-campus visitors and volunteers should be assessed on a case-by-case basis. All visitors and volunteers must follow district wellness practices and approval processes (e.g. check-in procedures, Level II clearance, etc.).
- Schools will review their drop-off and pick-up protocols and communicate any changes directly to families.

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(1) GENERAL PROTOCOLS AND DEFINITION. The following procedures should be instituted to govern the control of COVID-19 in public schools:

- Schools should encourage routine cleaning of classrooms and high-traffic areas.
- Students should be encouraged to practice routine handwashing throughout the day.
- Students should stay home if they are sick.
- Students may wear masks or facial coverings as a mitigation measure; however, the school must allow for a parent or legal guardian of the student to opt-out the student from wearing a face covering or mask.
- For purposes of this rule, "direct contact" means cumulative exposure for at least 15 minutes, within six feet.

(2) PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC OR COVID-19 POSITIVE STUDENTS. Students experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property until:

- Ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, the student has had no fever for 24 hours and the student's other symptoms are improving; or
- The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459 or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464.

(3) PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19. Students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property until:

- The student is asymptomatic and receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test after four days from the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual; or
- The student is asymptomatic and seven days have passed since the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual; or
- If a student becomes symptomatic following exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, the student should follow the procedures set forth in subsection (2), above.

(4) PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH PRIOR COVID-19 INFECTION. A student who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days and who is known to have been in contact with an individual who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 is not subject to the protocols set forth in subsection (3), so long as the student remains asymptomatic. If a student with a previous COVID-19 infection becomes symptomatic, the student should follow the procedures set forth in subsection (2), above. This subsection applies equally to students who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

(5) TESTING. Any COVID-19 testing of minors at school requires informed written consent from a parent or legal guardian.

(6) NON-DISCRIMINATION. Students whose parents or legal guardian have opted them out of a mask or face covering requirement shall not be subject to any harassment or discriminatory treatment, including but not limited to:

- Relocation to certain physical locations;

Arrival and Dismissal

Please do not arrive on campus for AM Arrival prior to 9:15AM.

- We take supervision of our Scholars very seriously and our Supervising Staff will not be available to supervise your child before that time.
- **School operating hours are 9:40AM-4:10PM.**

Arrival and Dismissal

Entry Points for DropOffs (Car) and Walkers/Bikers (62nd Ave Gate)

Buildings Labeled in Black:

Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Portables

Entry Points for Scholars who walk, bike, or scoot in Red

Drop Off Points in Green

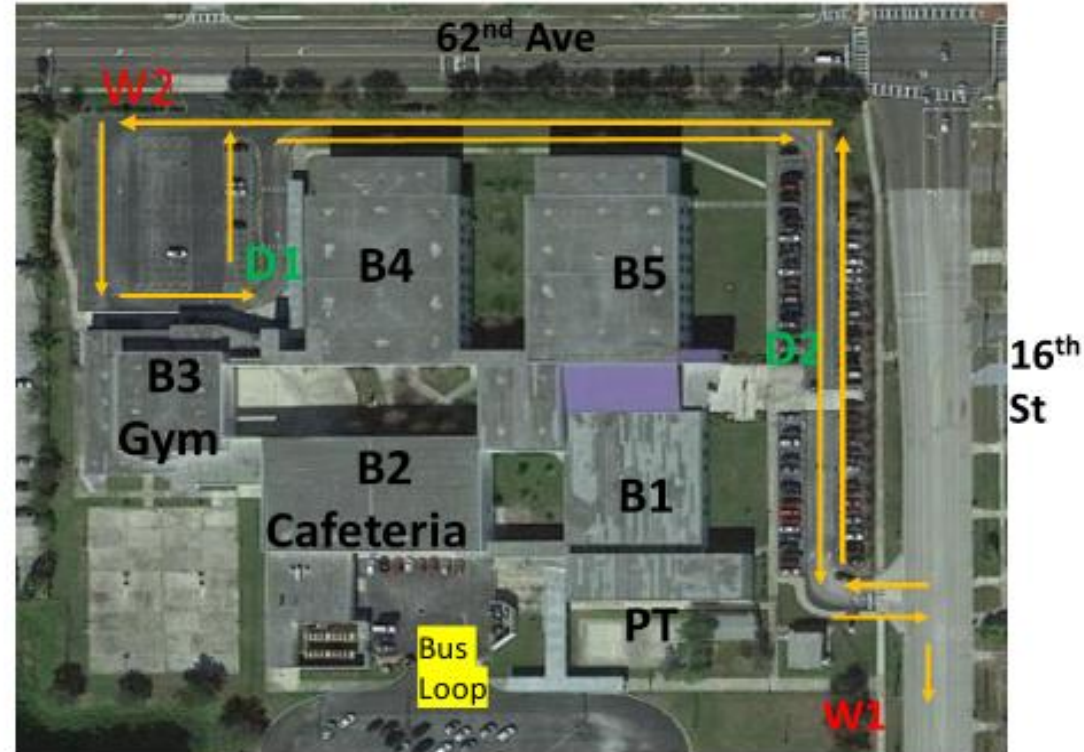
W1 – 16th Ave Gate

W2 – 62nd Ave Gate

D1 – car circle drop off for 7th and 8th grades

D2 – front of school drop off for 6th grade

Drive Around the Entire Circle Before Dropping Off Student(s)



Curriculum and Scheduling

Schedules:

- EVERY enrolled scholar has a schedule created
- Verify your child's schedule by visiting FOCUS Today. Encourage your child to write down the Class, Location, and Teacher of their 1st Period Teacher
- Schedules will be shared during 1st Period Class with all Scholars
- Request for Schedule Changes will be addressed AFTER the first 10 days of school.

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2021-2022 MMS Supply List

- 3-inch, 3-ring Binder
- Minimum of 7 Dividers
- Pencil Pouch
- Pencils
- Pens
- Highlighter(s)
- Lined paper

*Please note that some teachers may require separate items to be used just for their classrooms. You will receive more information on those items during the first week back at school.

Athletics and Clubs

- **Volleyball tryouts** begin at 8AM on August 17 in the gym.
- All paperwork must be turned into Jerry Wicks in the 8th grade office or emailed to him at wicksge@pcsb.org Copies of the paperwork will also be available at school.
- Requirements are a current physical, purchase of school insurance, signed participation form and a 2.0 GPA

We will have a number of **clubs** forming and meeting at MMS. Each club will determine when it meets: before school, lunch or after school. Information regarding these clubs and when they meet will be published at a later date.

PBIS and Scholar Behavior

- **Build positive and productive relationships** between staff and students / families by setting clear expectations, frequent positive communication, and utilizing a restorative mindset with our scholars.
- Teachers and Staff will be communicate our school wide expectations and procedures
- Please be sure to have access FOCUS on a regular basis to check your child's grades and attendance Contact the school if you need assistance with your parent account.

Loyal Attentive Noble Courteous Encouraging Respectful

MONITORING + MOTIVATION = SUCCESS

Technology Reminders

- Please make sure to sign and submit the Parent Responsibility Form as soon as possible so that we can distribute computers in a timely manner. We appreciate your prompt response! [Parent Responsibility Form](#)
- Please review the Parent Orientation PCS Connects information for your child. This document contains important information for taking care of your school laptop!
- [PARENT ORIENTATION PCS CONNECTS PPT](#)
- Please have your child watch this brief video letting them know how to care for their computer:



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School Office Hours
9:00AM-4:30PM

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